

5 I claim:

1. An edging apparatus comprising

a frame;

a guide slot in said frame;

a separator guide blade movably mounted in said guide slot, said separator

10 guide blade having a contact end;

spring units connected to said frame and contacting said separator guide blade to resiliently urge said separator guide blade from a first retracted position to a second extended position with the contact end extended from the guide slot;

two applicator plates;

15 a pivot connection mounted on each side of the frame and on each of the applicator plates to pivotally mount said applicator plates on said frame;

a spring in each of said pivot connections to urge the applicator plate from a closed position abutting the separator guide blade to an open position remote from said separator guide blade;

20 an applicator pad mounted on each applicator plate;

a handle for positioning the edging apparatus;

fasteners connecting said handle to said frame;

actuating fingers on each of said applicator plates constructed to be manipulated to pivotally move said applicator plates and applicator pads mounted thereon from a closed
25 position abutting said separator guide blade to an open position remote from said separator guide blade.

- 5 2. An edging apparatus comprising
 a handle;
 a frame;
 a separator guide blade extending from said frame;
 at least one applicator pad adapted to apply a coating to a surface pivotally mounted
10 on said frame;
 actuator means connected to said at least one applicator pad to move said at least
 one applicator pad from a closed position abutting said separator guide blade to an open
 position remote from said separator guide blade,
 wherein in the open position, said at least one applicator pad can be loaded with
15 a coating to be applied to a surface.
3. The edging apparatus of claim 2 wherein said actuator means comprises
 applicator plates,
 finger means extending from said applicator plates,
 spring means connecting said applicator plates and said frame,
20 said applicator pads mounted on said applicator plates.
4. The edging apparatus of claim 2 wherein said frame has a guide slot for said separator
 guide blade and springs disposed in said frame contact said separator guide blade to urge
 said guide blade outward from said frame.
5. The edging apparatus of claim 3 wherein said frame comprises posts for holding pivot
25 pins on which the applicator plates are pivotally mounted and a resilient spring to urge the
 applicator plates into the closed position abutting the separator guide blade.

- 5 6. The edging apparatus of claim 2 wherein said handle is removably connected to said frame.
7. The edging apparatus of claim 6 wherein said handle includes an extension coupling for connecting the frame to an extension pole.
- 10 8. The edging apparatus of claim 7 wherein the extension coupling includes pivot means to allow for pivotal movement of the frame with respect to the extension pole.
9. A method of applying a surface coating to a surface comprising the steps of
- a. providing an edging apparatus having at least one applicator pad mounted to a frame which frame includes a separator guide blade having a contact end;
- 15 b. pivoting said at least one applicator pad to a position remote from said separator guide blade;
- c. applying a coating material to said applicator pad;
- d. pivotally moving said at least one applicator pad to a position abutting said separator guide blade; and
- 20 e. placing the contact end of said separator guide blade against a surface to bring said applicator pad into contact with the surface while the separator guide blade prevents contact of the coating on the applicator pad with the other side of the separator guide blade.

5 10. A method of applying a surface coating to two intersecting surfaces comprising the steps of

10 a. providing an edging apparatus having first and second applicator plates mounted to a frame which includes a resiliently mounted separator guide blade having a contact end, said first and second applicator plates in opposed relationship to said separator guide blade;

b. installing a first applicator pad on said first applicator plate and a second applicator pad on said second applicator plate;

c. pivoting said first and second applicator plates to a position remote from said separator guide blade;

15 d. applying a coating material to said first and second applicator pads on said first and second applicator plates;

e. pivotally moving said first and second applicator plates to a position abutting said separator guide blade;

20 f. resiliently urging the contact end of the separator guide blade into the intersection of two surfaces to bring at least one of said first and second applicator pads into contact with one of the surfaces while the separator guide blade prevents contact of the coating on the other one of said first and second applicator pads with the other of the intersecting surfaces, and

25 g. resiliently urging said first and second applicator plates into contact with the separator guide blade.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein a different coating is applied to each one of the first and second applicator pads.